

rights abuses against the people of east Timor, and, indeed, incidents of abuse by the Indonesia military increased over the past year, according to the State Department. While I am disappointed that this amendment did not pass, I urge my colleagues to continue to pressure the Indonesian government to adhere to international human rights standards and to hold Indonesia accountable for its human rights record.

Overall, this bill provides \$11.9 billion for foreign aid operations, a cut of \$460 million from last year's level of funding. I believe it is in the best interest of the U.S. to maintain a strong presence abroad. This legislation supports our commitment to the international community while addressing the fiscal realities we face here at home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

IN SUPPORT OF THE IRAN OIL
SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Iran Oil Sanctions Act of 1996. H.R. 3107 is a good bill that will impose sanctions on those who provide Iran and Libya with the ability to acquire or create weapons of mass destruction.

Iran and Libya continue to pose a serious threat to the Middle East Peace process and to the security of nations around the world. Both nations continue to sponsor international terrorism and operate to disrupt world stability. They have shown complete disregard for the value of human life with the downing of Pan Am Flight 103, the Berlin disco bombing in 1985, the seizure of U.S. hostages in Tehran and their continued sponsorship of international terrorists.

Since these nations refuse to cooperate with the rest of the world on peace initiatives, the United States must take steps to prevent these nations from earning the money they need to sponsor further international terrorism. The best way to do this is to convince Iran and Libya's creditors and trading partners not to transact business with them. This will put pressure on these terrorist countries to reform their policies. The United States needs to take the lead and take decisive action today and if we fail to do so, we are bound to see the loss of more innocent lives around the world.

I urge each of my colleagues to support H.R. 3107.

JUNE: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
MONTH

HON. SCOTT L. KLUG

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. KLUG. Mr. Speaker, since June is Science and Technology Month, it is appropriate that we honor the 25th anniversary of the Association for Women in Science [AWIS]. This association is the largest multidisciplinary

science organization for women in the United States. Founded in 1971, it has grown to 74 chapters with nearly 6,000 members nationwide.

AWIS is committed to achieving equity and full participation of women in all areas of science and technology. Serving as a national voice, the association has been recognized for its leadership and has made a lasting impact on the accessibility of science and engineering education and careers to women.

A high priority of AWIS is diversity in the broadest definition, including race and ethnicity, workplace, education level and discipline. The scope of this diversity is reflected in its membership. Disciplines include natural sciences, from agronomy to engineering, and social sciences, from anthropology to psychology. Nearly 60 percent of AWIS members hold a Ph.D. In addition, more than 50 percent are involved with academic institutions. The remainder work in industry or government.

AWIS has also been instrumental in nominating women who were subsequently appointed to the National Science Board and the President's Committee on Science and Technology. Members have also received several prestigious national awards such as the National Medal of Science. I would especially like to commend the president of AWIS, Jaleh Daie, a professor at the University of Wisconsin. She was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Network of Women in Technology International.

In 1996, AWIS celebrates 25 years of service and commitment to equity, leadership training, diversity, and to supporting women in their career advancement. I am pleased to honor this important organization which is committed to a strong and diverse science and education enterprise.

SGT. CHARLES KOHRHERR HON-
ORED FOR SERVICE TO HIS
COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Sgt. Charles Kohrher, a courageous individual who has served the Nation in time of war and whose bravery has helped protect Union City from crime for many years. His selfless dedication to public service has made him a model of excellence in law enforcement and an ambassador of goodwill throughout the community.

In 1967, Sgt. Kohrher began his career enlisting in the U.S. Army. From 1968 to 1969, he was assigned to the 1st Aviation Brigade, 61st Helicopter Company, while serving in Vietnam. Before being honorably discharged from the Army in 1970, he amassed an outstanding service record, including 11 air medal awards, the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, a Unit Citation and the Air Crewman Badge of Courage.

Following his military service, he joined the Union City Police Department in 1971. By 1972, he was made a detective and assigned to the Narcotics Unit. Then in 1974, while

serving as a narcotics officer, he was shot and his partner was killed while apprehending an escapee from a Florida chain gang. Despite this enormous tragedy, Sgt. Kohrher found the courage to continue his law enforcement career and to serve with the Narcotics Unit until 1976. After serving several more years in various departmental units such as the Motorcycle Division and Uniform Patrol, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant where he completed his law enforcement career.

Sgt. Kohrher's career exemplifies the true meaning of valor and achievement. For his service as a law enforcement officer, he was awarded the New Jersey State Medal of Honor, the State P.B.A. Valor Award, four meritorious service awards, and the Knights of Columbus Policeman of the Year Award. Aside from being a highly decorated and respected officer, Sgt. Kohrher has for many years put his life on the line for the protection and safety of others. It is therefore fitting to say that Sgt. Charles Kohrher is truly one of New Jersey's finest.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Sgt. Charles Kohrher, a special individual who has devoted himself to serving his country and community with honor and dignity. I applaud the dedication of such a remarkable man and an exceptional law enforcement official.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN BRAGG

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30-year career of a great statesman, Tennessee State Representative John Bragg. Upon his retirement, I would like to recognize his outstanding achievements, honors, and successes, both personally and for the State of Tennessee.

Serving as the House Finance chairman for 22 years, Mr. Bragg established an ethical foundation of admirable weight. He subsequently made significant changes in the State legislative process. For these measures, he was awarded the title chairman emeritus.

In addition, he was a stronghold in the creation of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System. As such, Tennessee is considered one of the best managed States in the country, with regard to public pension plans.

Mr. Bragg hails from Murfreesboro, TN, and his loyalty has never swayed. He has represented the city and Rutherford County throughout his entire three decades in politics. During that time, he boosted Middle Tennessee State University to a premier educational institution within the State. He secured the funds to build three multimillion dollar complexes for the school: the mass communications building, the Tennessee Livestock Center, and a \$31.7 million library.

Joining Mr. Bragg at his retirement ceremony were colleagues, friends, and family. He attributed most of his accomplishments to their support; and similarly, his desire to care for those he loves extends to his fellow citizens. I ask that we recognize John Bragg for his endless dedication, his honorable values, and his compassion for Tennessee.